

# CEE 680: Water Chemistry

Lecture #4

Isotopes (cont); Kinetics and Thermodynamics:  
Fundamentals of water and Ionic Strength

(Stumm & Morgan, pp.1-15  
Brezonik & Arnold, pg 10-18)

(Benjamin, 1.2, 1.3, 1.5)

Best source for stable isotopes is:  
Eby, Chapter 6, especially pg. 181-186

# Stable Water Isotopes

Type	MW	% of total	ppb
$^1\text{H}^1\text{H}^{16}\text{O}$	18	99.731	997,310,000
$^1\text{H}^1\text{H}^{18}\text{O}$	20	0.2000	2,000,000
$^1\text{H}^1\text{H}^{17}\text{O}$	19	0.03789	378,900
$^1\text{H}^2\text{H}^{16}\text{O}$	19	0.03146	314,600
$^1\text{H}^2\text{H}^{18}\text{O}$	21	$6.116 \times 10^{-5}$	612
$^1\text{H}^2\text{H}^{17}\text{O}$	20	$1.122 \times 10^{-5}$	112
$^2\text{H}^2\text{H}^{16}\text{O}$	20	$2.245 \times 10^{-6}$	22
$^2\text{H}^2\text{H}^{18}\text{O}$	22	$6 \times 10^{-9}$	0.06
$^2\text{H}^2\text{H}^{17}\text{O}$	21	$1 \times 10^{-9}$	0.01

Used in  
Hydrology

Heavy Water

Based on: Millero & Sohn, 1992 [Chemical Oceanography](#), CRC Press; and Gat, 2010 [Isotope Hydrology](#), Imperial College Press

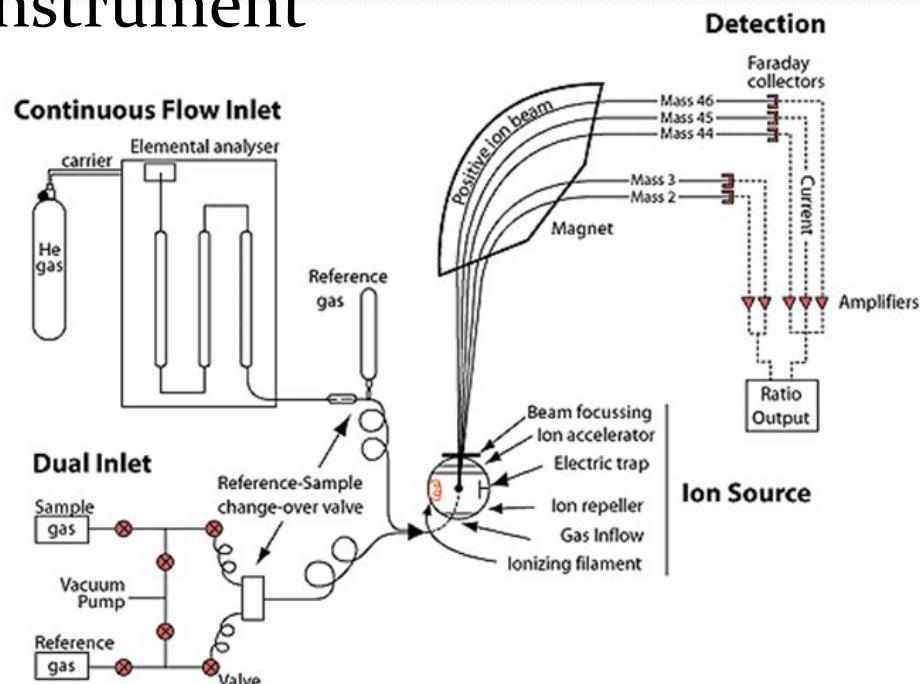
# Properties of Stable Water Isotopes

Property	$^1\text{H}^1\text{H}^{16}\text{O}$	$^1\text{H}^1\text{H}^{18}\text{O}$	$^1\text{H}^2\text{H}^{16}\text{O}$	$^2\text{H}^2\text{H}^{16}\text{O}$	units
Density @30°C		1.107845	1.04945	1.10323	g/mL
Temp@ d <sub>max</sub>		4.305		11.24	°C
Boiling Pt		100.14		101.42	°C
Melting Pt		0.28		3.81	°C
Diffusivity in water @25°C		2.66		2.34	10 <sup>3</sup> cm <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>
Relative diffusivity in air	1.0000	0.9723	0.9755		

From: Gat, 2010 Isotope Hydrology, Imperial College Press and references therein

# Measurement

- Requires separation of H from O in water
  - Hydrogen goes to H<sub>2</sub> with help of a hot metal catalyst
  - Oxygen goes to O<sub>2</sub> by hydrolysis or fluorination or to CO<sub>2</sub> by aqueous equilibration
- Then use an isotope ratio instrument
  - Magnetic sector Mass Spectrometer
  - Wavelength-Scanned Cavity Ring Down Spectrometer (WS-CRDS)



# Relative Isotopic Abundance

- Reflects environmental fractionation
  - Helps describe origins, pathways, processes
  - Tracer
- Calculation based on a standard material
  - Uses ratios of abundance; eg:

$$\delta = \left( \frac{R_{sample} - R_{standard}}{R_{standard}} \right) \times 1000$$

- Where: R is the isotopic ratio, e.g., for oxygen

$$R = \frac{[{}^{18}O]}{[{}^{16}O]}$$

## Fundamentals of Isotope Geochemistry

# Isotopic Standards in %

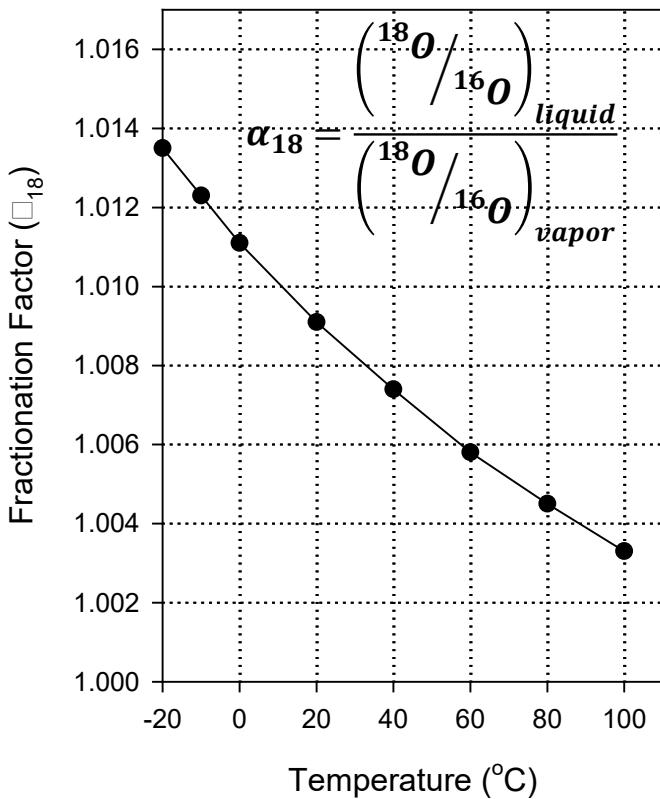
Ratio	Nominal	V-SMOW	PDB	
$^2\text{H}/^1\text{H}$	0.015	0.015576		
$^{13}\text{C}/^{12}\text{C}$	1.1		1.12375	
$^{18}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O}$	0.2	0.20052	0.20672	



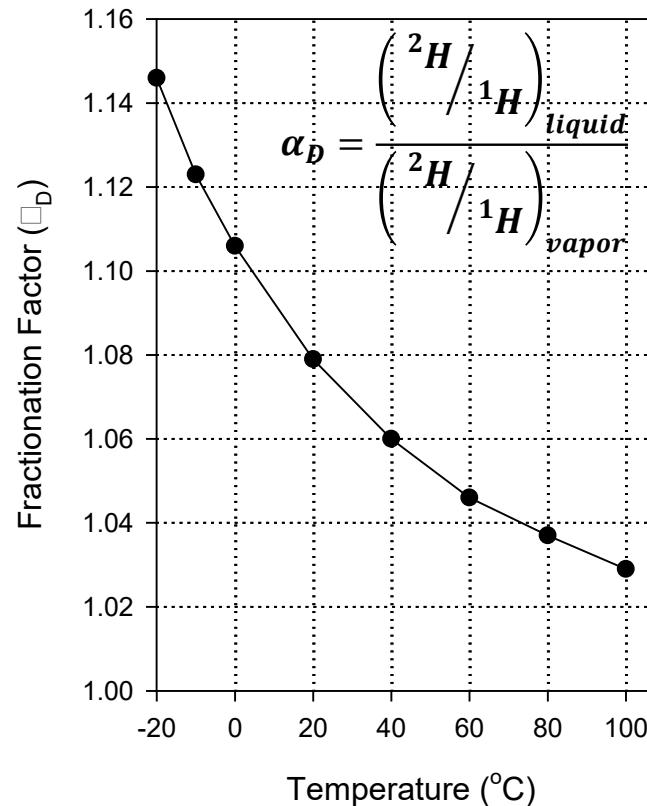
- Key to Standards
  - V-SMOW = Vienna Standard Mean Ocean Water
    - established by IAEA in Vienna; blend of ocean waters around globe
  - PDB = PeeDee Belemnite (high  $^{13}\text{C}/^{12}\text{C}$  ratio)
    - Fossilized cephalopods from the PeeDee River in SC

# Evaporation of water: fractionation

- For  $^{18}\text{O}$



- For  $^2\text{H}$



# example

- A rainwater sample from Boston has an  $^{18}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O}$  ratio of 0.0019750 as determined by isotope ratio MS.
  1. Calculate the delta value vs V-SMOW (in ‰)

$$\delta = \left( \frac{R_{sample} - R_{standard}}{R_{standard}} \right) \times 1000 = \left( \frac{0.0019750 - 0.0020052}{0.0020052} \right) \times 1000 = -15.1$$

2. Determine the delta value for the water vapor that is in equilibrium with at 20°C

$$\alpha_{18} = \frac{0.0019750}{R_{vapor}} = 1.009$$

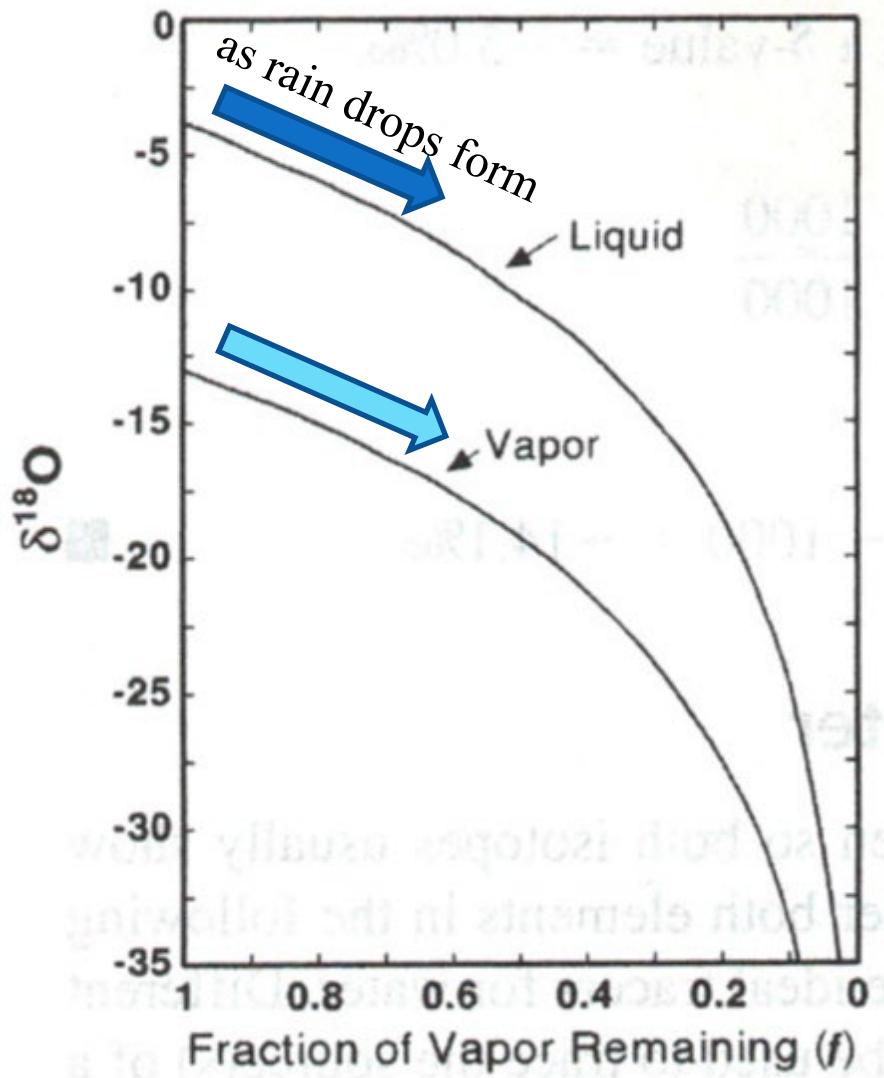
$$R_{vapor} = 0.0019574$$

$$\alpha_{18} = \frac{\left( ^{18}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O} \right)_{liquid}}{\left( ^{18}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O} \right)_{vapor}} = 1.009$$

$$\delta = \left( \frac{0.0019750 - 0.0020052}{0.0020052} \right) \times 1000 = -23.8$$

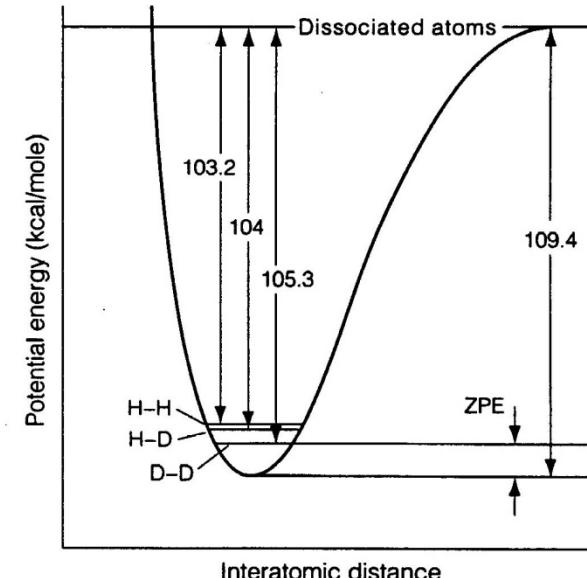
# Vapor washout

- Rayleigh distillation
  - Water vapor is enriched in the light isotopes ( $^{16}\text{O}$  and  $^1\text{H}$ ) compared to the water from which it evaporated
  - As rain drops form there is selective loss of the heavier isotopes ( $^{18}\text{O}$  and  $^2\text{H}$ ) from the vapor to the rain drops



# Selective enrichment in nature

- Mass-based Effects: Fractionation
  - Evaporation & freezing
    - selective concentration of heavy isotopes
- Bonding Effects
  - plants preferentially take up carbon dioxide containing the lighter carbon isotope ( $^{12}\text{C}-\text{CO}_2$ ) in photosynthesis, but the degree of preference depends on water availability,  $\text{CO}_2$  availability and on the photosynthetic pathway
  - $\text{C}_3$  vs  $\text{C}_4$  plants (PEP carboxylase)



**Figure 2.2.** The interatomic distance - potential energy relationship for stable hydrogen isotopes of a molecule. Higher zero point energies (ZPE) result in molecules being less stable. Modified from O'Neil (1986).

# Radioactive isotopes for dating

- Radioisotope dating

Radio-isotope	Half-life (years)
$^{10}\text{Be}$	1,360,000
$^{36}\text{Cl}$	301,000
$^{81}\text{Kr}$	229,000
$^{14}\text{C}$	5,730
$^{39}\text{Ar}$	269
$^3\text{H}$	12
$^{85}\text{Kr}$	11

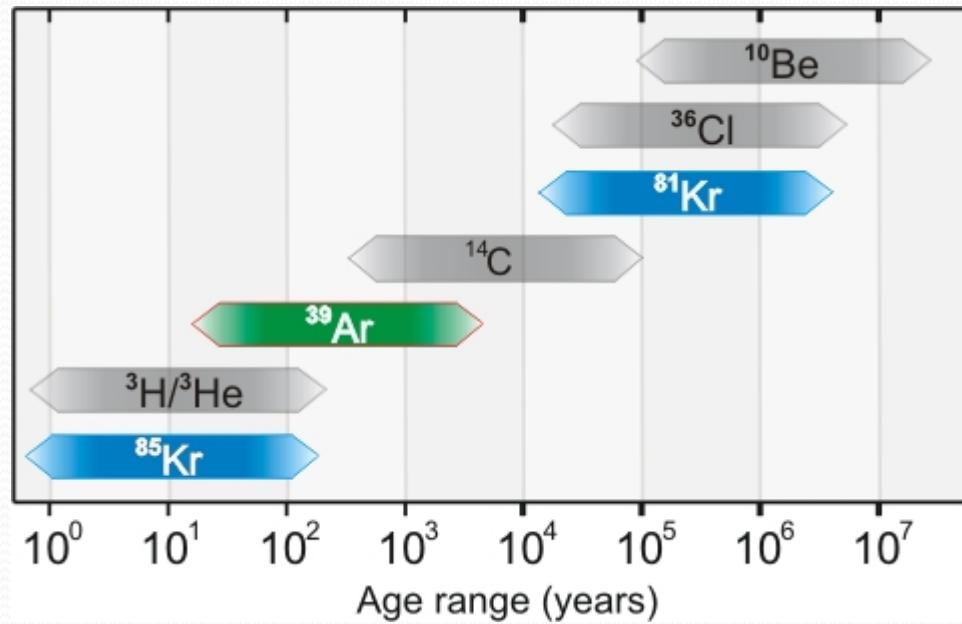


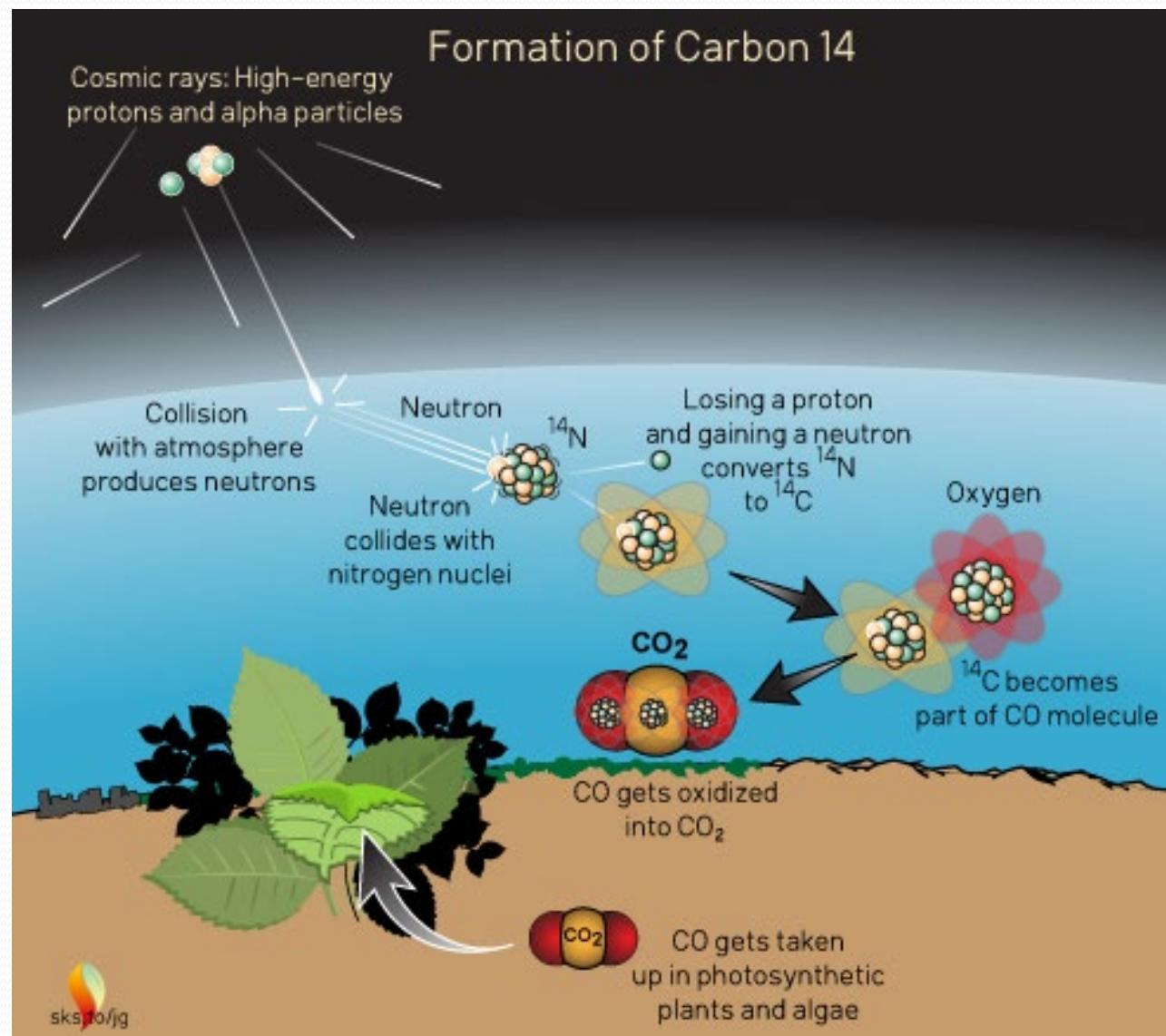
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# Radioactive tracers

- Carbon-14

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<https://www.skepticalscience.com/print.php?n=3962>



# Molecular Weight and boiling point

- Organic Compounds: Homologous series

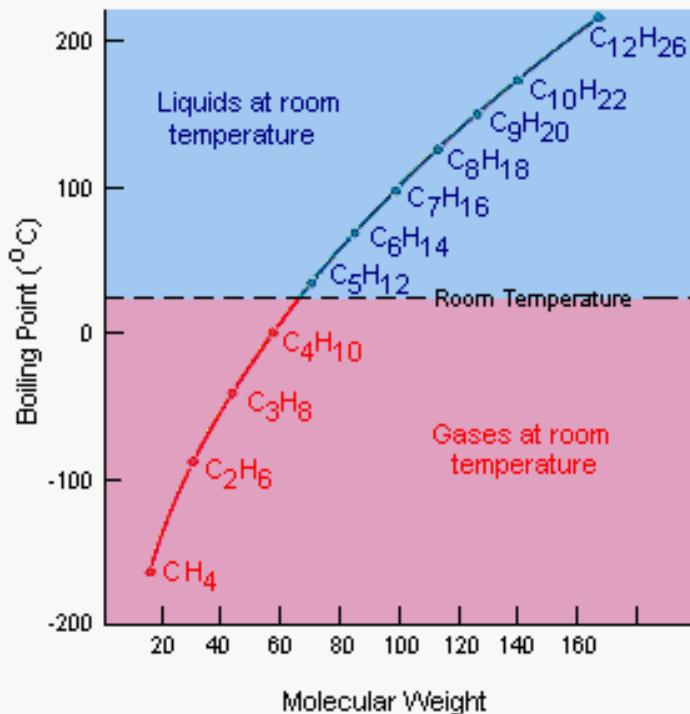


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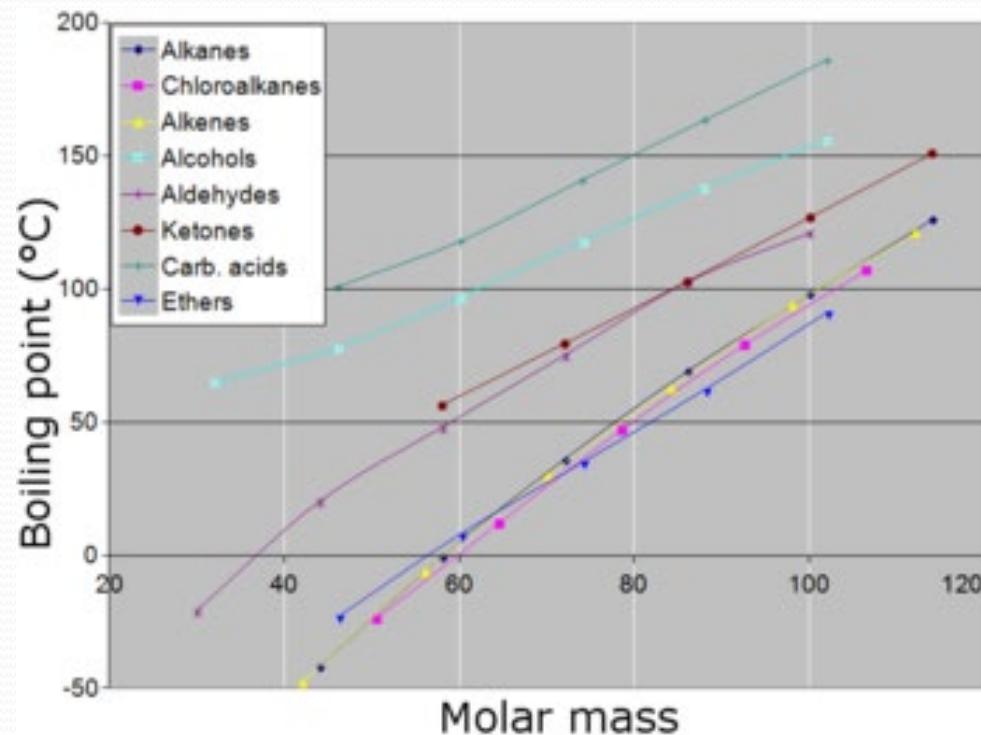
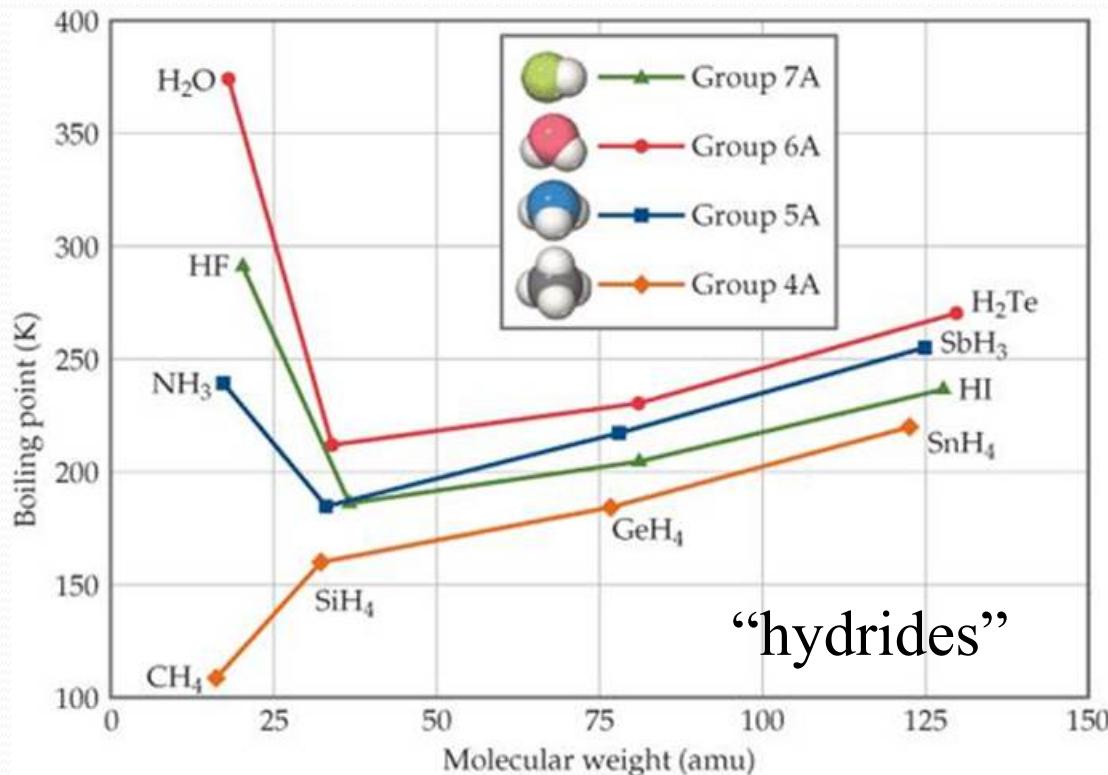


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# Water and related heteroatoms

- Water is different



Groups						
13 IIIA 3A	14 IVA 4A	15 VA 5A	16 VIA 6A	17 VIIA 7A	18 VIII 8A	2 He Helium 4.00260
5 B Boron 10.811	6 C Carbon 12.011	7 N Nitrogen 14.00674	8 O Oxygen 15.9994	9 F Fluorine 18.998403	10 Ne Neon 20.1797	18 Ar Argon 39.948
13 Al Aluminum 26.981539	14 Si Silicon 28.0855	15 P Phosphorus 30.973762	16 S Sulfur 32.0266	17 Cl Chlorine 35.4527	35 Br Bromine 79.904	36 Kr Krypton 83.80
31 Ga Gallium 69.732	32 Ge Germanium 72.64	33 As Arsenic 74.92159	34 Se Selenium 78.96	35 Br Bromine 79.904	53 I Iodine 126.90447	54 Xe Xenon 131.29
49 In Indium 114.818	50 Sn Tin 118.71	51 Sb Antimony 121.760	52 Te Tellurium 127.6	53 I Iodine 126.90447	85 At Astatine 209.9871	86 Rn Radon 222.0176
81 Tl Thallium 204.3833	82 Pb Lead 207.2	83 Bi Bismuth 208.98037	84 Po Polonium [208.9824]	85 At Astatine 209.9871	86 Rn Radon 222.0176	

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# Water is exceptional

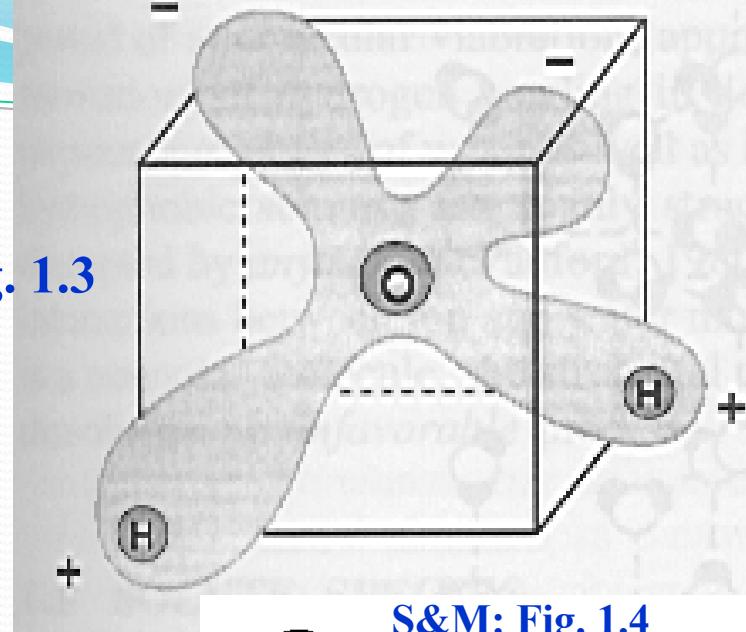
- From Eby, 2016 (Table 1-7)

Property	Comparison to other substances
Heat capacity	Highest of all common liquids (except ammonia) and solids
Latent heat of fusion	Highest of all common liquids (except ammonia) and most solids
Latent heat of vaporization	Highest of all common substances
Dissolving ability	Dissolved more substances (particularly ionic compounds), and in greater quantity than any other common liquid
Transparency	Relatively high for visible light
Physical state	The only substance that occurs naturally in all three states at the earth's surface
Surface tension	Highest of all common liquids
Conduction of heat	Highest of all common liquids (Hg is higher)
Viscosity	Relatively low viscosity for a liquid

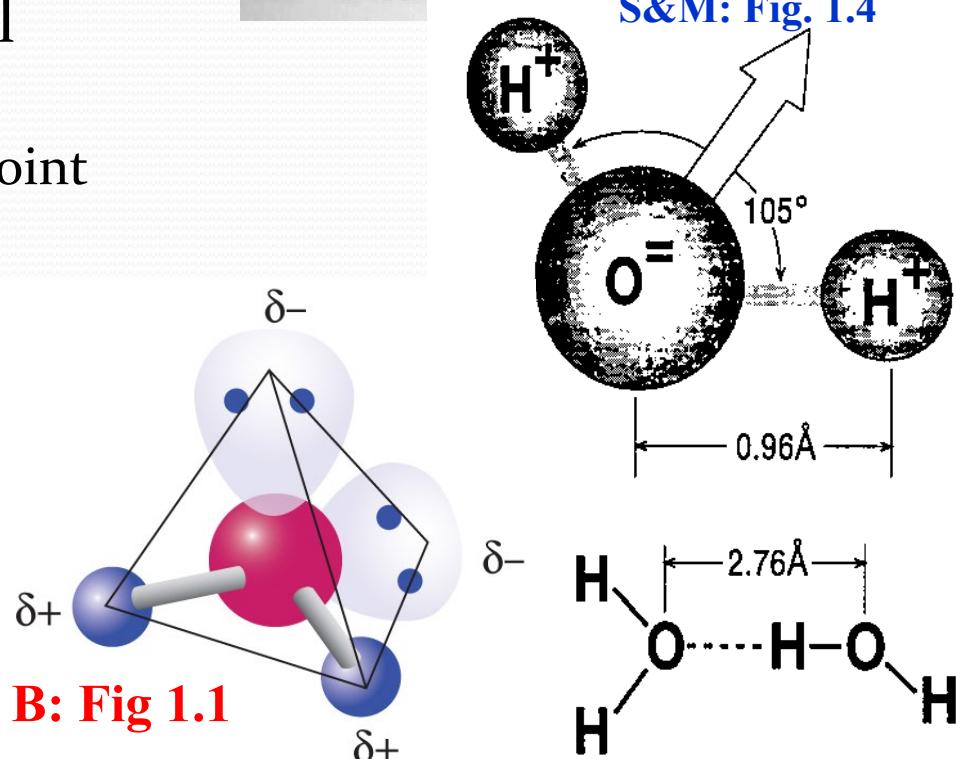
# Structure of Water

S&M: Fig. 1.3

- $sp^3$  hybridization
  - 2 bonding and 2 non-bonding orbitals
- Dipolar Character
- Origin of Water's Unusual properties
  - High melting and boiling point
  - High heat of vaporization
  - Expands upon freezing
  - High surface tension
  - Excellent polar solvent



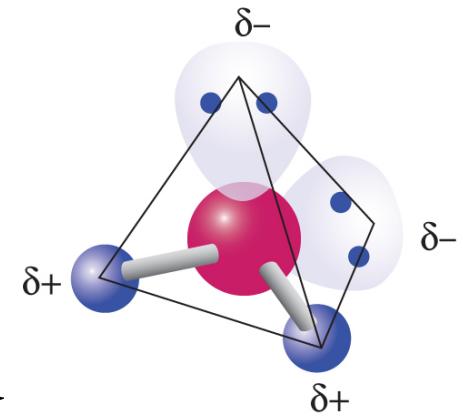
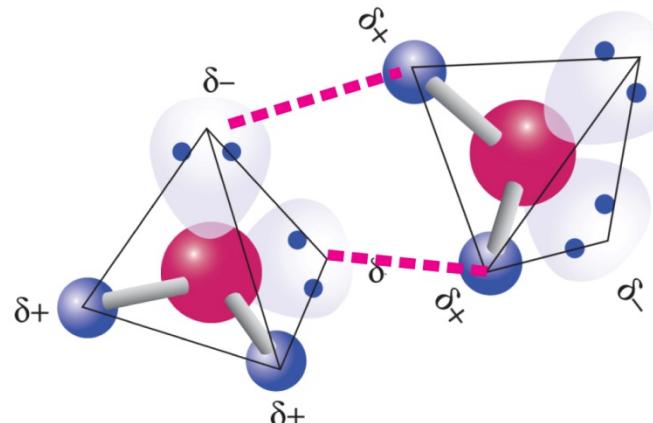
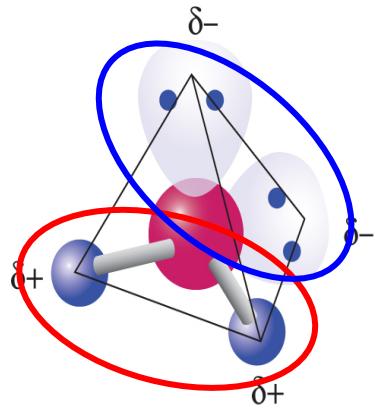
S&M: Fig. 1.4



B: Fig 1.1

# Hydrogen bonding

- Dipole nature of water and hydrogen bond formation



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# Water's intermolecular structure

- Dominated by Hydrogen Bonds
- Ice
  - Open tetrahedral structure
- Water
  - Flickering cluster model
    - 100 ps lifetime
    - 0.1 ps molecular vibration

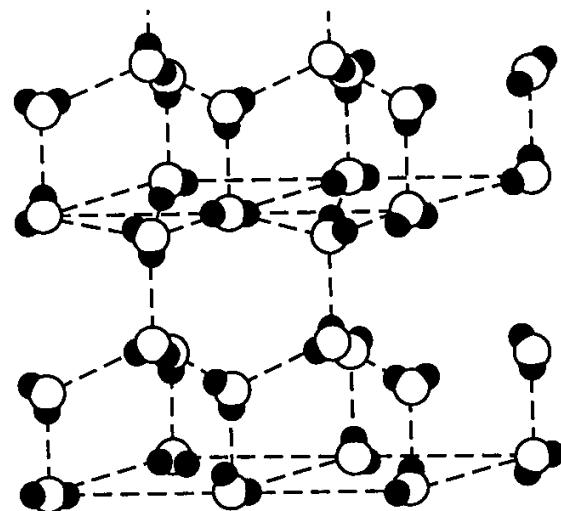


Fig. 1.5a  
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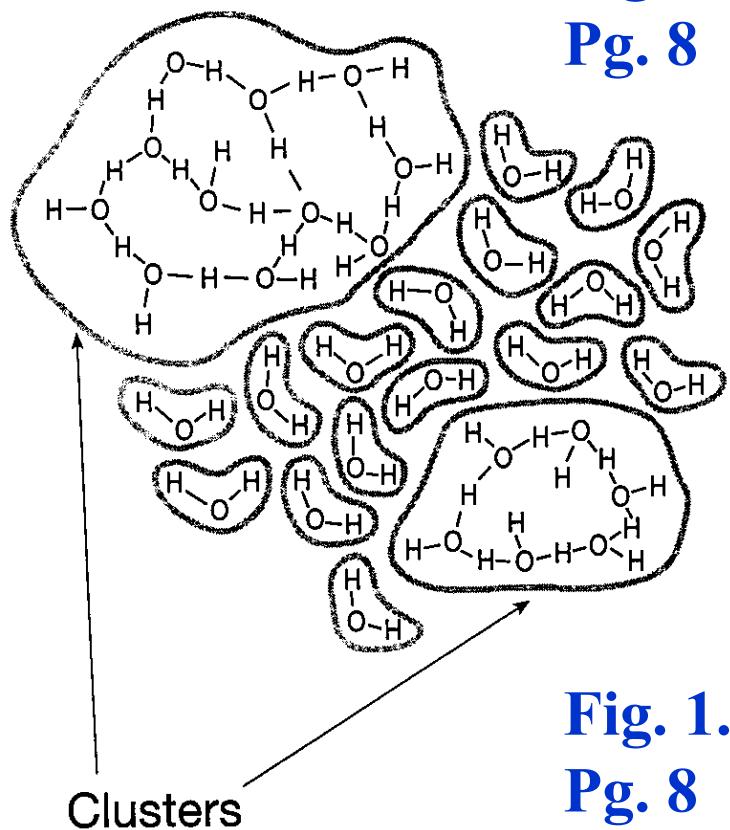


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# Freezing and density

- Crystalline structure
  - Lower density than liquid water
- Max density is at 4°C

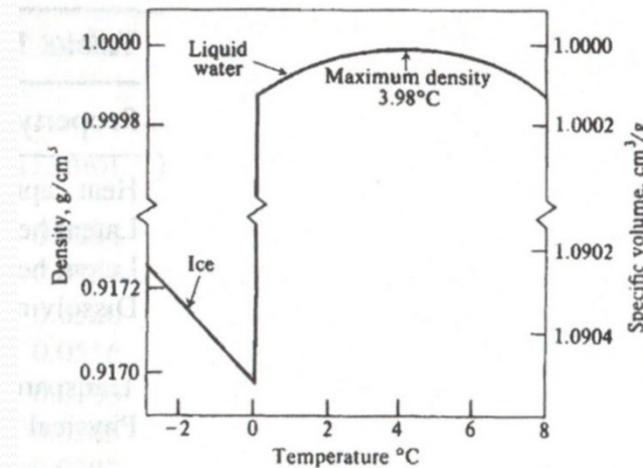
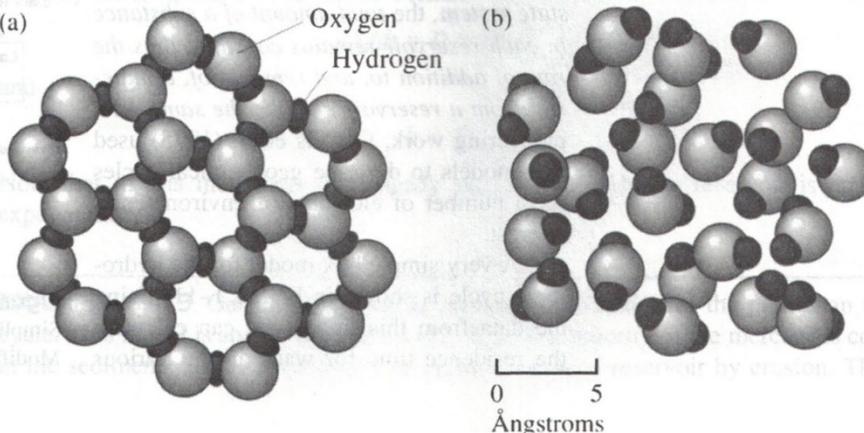


Figure 1–9

Density of pure water near the freezing point.  
From Duxbury (1971).

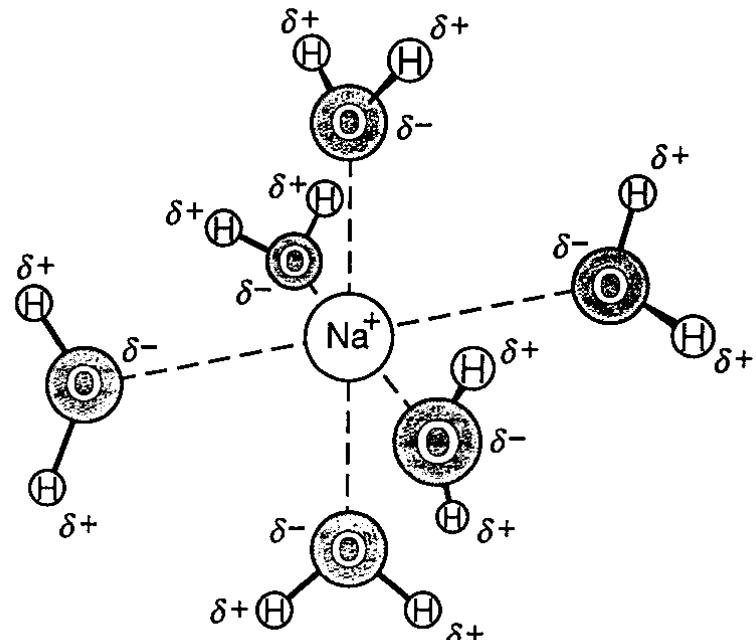
Figure 1–8

(a) The crystal structure of ice showing the six-sided rings formed by 24 water molecules. (b) The structure of liquid water. In the same volume of liquid water, there are 27 water molecules; hence, liquid water has a greater density than ice. From Gross and Gross (1996).

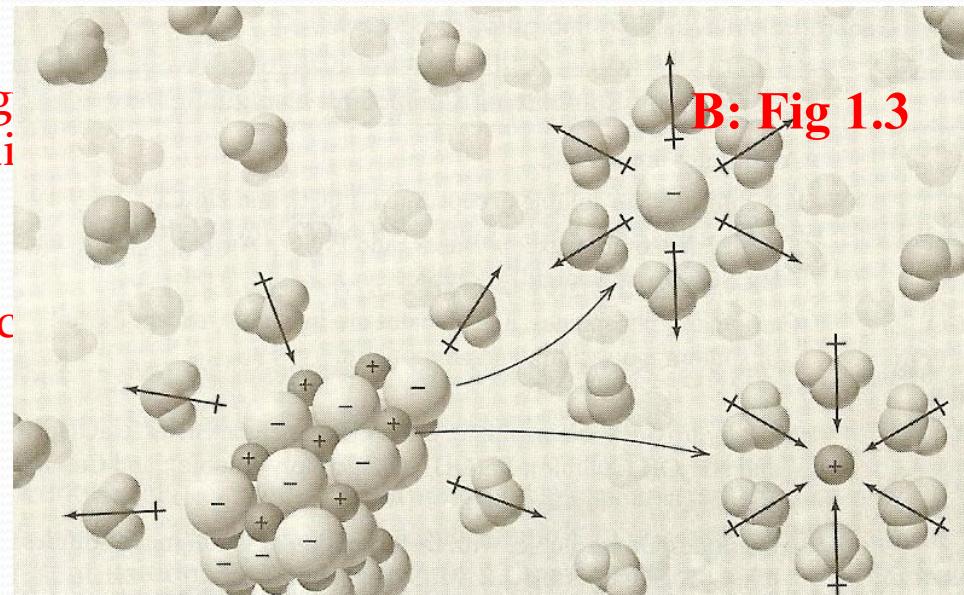


# Solutes in Water

- Great solvent for ionic or ionizable substances
- Ion-dipole bonds improves stability
  - Energy increases with charge of ion and decreases with size
  - Solvent hole model
    - As solute-water bonding strength compared to water-water bondi solubility goes up
      - Hydrophilic solute
    - Weak solute-water bonds reduc solubility
      - Hydrophobic solutes



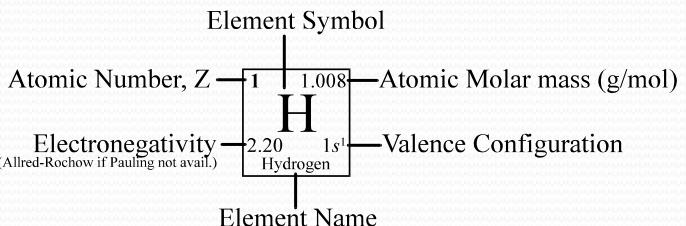
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B: Fig 1.3

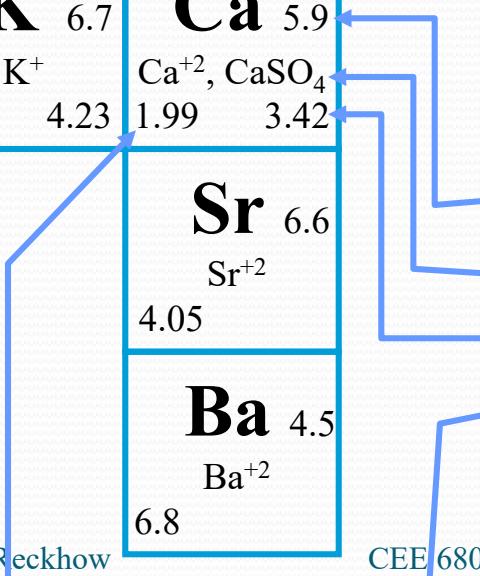
# Periodic Table

<b>1</b>	1.008 H 2.20 Hydrogen	<b>2</b>	4.003 He n.a. Helium
<b>3</b>	6.941 Li 0.98 Lithium	<b>4</b>	9.012 Be 1.57 Beryllium
<b>11</b>	22.990 Na 0.93 Sodium	<b>12</b>	24.305 Mg 1.31 Magnesium
<b>19</b>	39.098 K 0.82 Potassium	<b>20</b>	40.078 Ca 1.00 Calcium
<b>37</b>	85.468 Rb 0.82 Rubidium	<b>38</b>	87.62 Sr 0.95 Strontium
<b>55</b>	132.91 Cs 0.79 Cesium	<b>39</b>	88.906 Y 1.22 Yttrium
<b>87</b>	(223) Fr 0.7 Francium	<b>40</b>	91.224 Zr 1.33 Zirconium
<b>56</b>	137.33 Ba 0.89 Barium	<b>41</b>	92.906 Nb 1.6 Niobium
<b>71</b>	174.97 Lu 1.27 Lutetium	<b>42</b>	95.94 Mo 2.16 Molybdenum
<b>88</b>	226.03 Ra 0.89 Radium	<b>43</b>	(98) Tc 1.9 Technetium
<b>103</b>	(260) Lr 1.3 Lawrencium	<b>44</b>	101.07 Ru 2.2 Ruthenium
<b>104</b>	(261) Unq n.a. Unnilquadium	<b>45</b>	102.91 Rh 2.28 Rhodium
<b>105</b>	(262) Unp n.a. Unnilpentium	<b>46</b>	106.42 Pd 2.20 Palladium
<b>106</b>	(263) Unh n.a. Unnilhexium	<b>47</b>	107.87 Ag 1.93 Silver
<b>107</b>	(264) Uns n.a. Unnilseptium	<b>48</b>	112.41 Cd 1.69 Cadmium
<b>108</b>	(265) Uno n.a. Unniloctium	<b>49</b>	114.82 In 1.78 Indium
<b>109</b>	(266) Uno n.a. Unnilennium	<b>50</b>	118.71 Sn 1.96 Tin
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		<b>52</b>	127.60 Te 2.1 Tellurium
		<b>53</b>	126.91 I 2.66 Iodine
		<b>54</b>	131.29 Xe 2.6 Xenon
		<b>55</b>	174.97 La 1.10 Lanthanum
		<b>56</b>	140.11 Ce 1.12 Cerium
		<b>57</b>	140.91 Pr 1.13 Praseodymium
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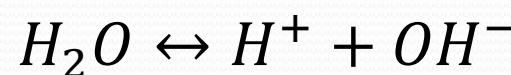
# “680 Periodic Table”

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<b>Na</b> 7.7 $\text{Na}^+$ 0.33	<b>Mg</b> 7 $\text{Mg}^{+2}, \text{MgSO}_4$ 3.57 1.27 3.77	<b>Al</b> 2 $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_4^-$ 7.1	<b>Si</b> 3.8 $\text{H}_4\text{SiO}_4$ 4.15 3.8	<b>P</b> 4 $\text{HPO}_4^{-2}$ 5.3	<b>S</b> 6.9 $\text{SO}_4^{-2}, \text{NaSO}_4^-$ 1.55 3.92	<b>Cl</b> 7.9 $\text{Cl}^-$ 0.26 3.66	<b>Ar</b> 6.96
<b>K</b> 6.7 $\text{K}^+$ 1.99	<b>Ca</b> 5.9 $\text{Ca}^{+2}, \text{CaSO}_4$ 4.23 1.99 3.42	<b>As</b> $\text{HAsO}_4^{-2}$ 7.3	<b>Se</b> 4 $\text{SeO}_3^{-2}$ 8.6	<b>Br</b> 8 $\text{Br}^-$ 3.08		<b>Kr</b> 8.6	
<b>Sr</b> 6.6 $\text{Sr}^{+2}$ 4.05	<b>Ba</b> 4.5 $\text{Ba}^{+2}$ 6.8					<b>I</b> 6 $\text{I}^-, \text{IO}_3^-$ 6.3	


 Ocean residence time (log yr)  
 Predominant species  
 River Water conc. (-log M)  
 Seawater conc. (-log M)

# Law of Mass Action

- The rate of an elementary reaction is proportional to the product of the concentrations of the participating molecules, atoms or ions
- Chemical equilibria comes from the combination of two competing rates
  - Consider the autodecomposition of water



**Equilibrium  
Quotients**

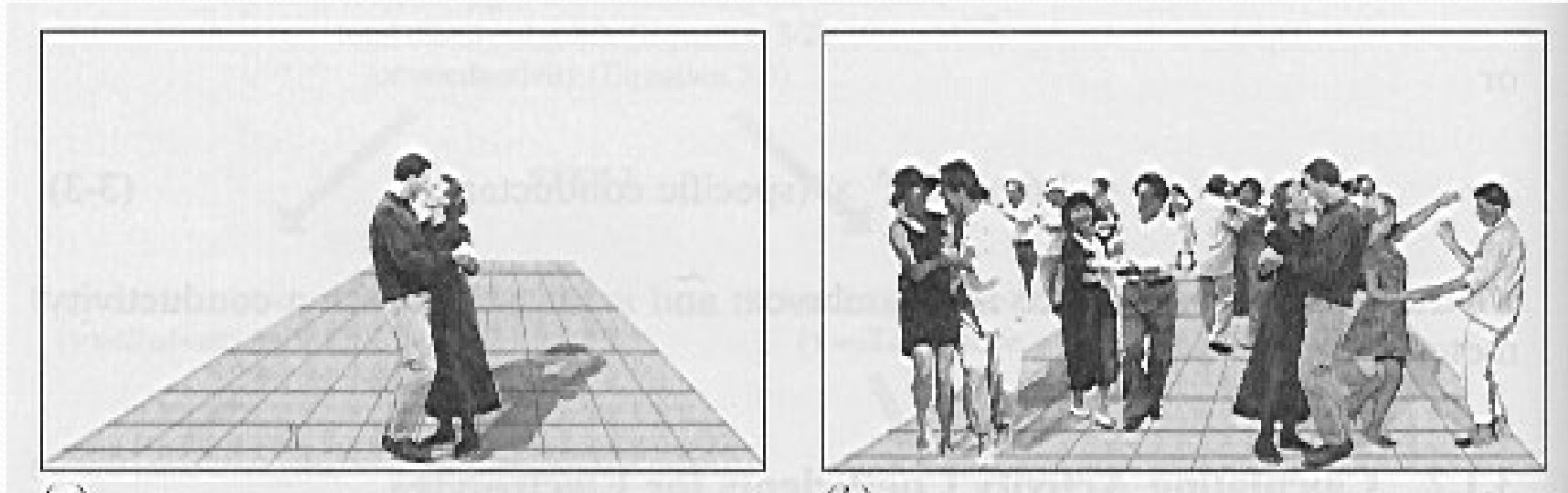
- Other examples
  - acid dissociation, Precipitation, Redox, Adsorption, volatilization

# Activity

- Activity is the “effective” concentration or “reactivity”, which may be slightly different from the true “analytical” concentration
  - These two differ substantially in waters with high TDS, such as sea water.
- We identify these two as follows:
  - Curved brackets ( $\{X\}$ ) indicate activity
  - Square brackets ( $[X]$ ) indicate concentration
    - Usually this is molar concentration
    - This may also be used when we’re not very concerned about the differences between activity and concentration

# Why the difference?

- Mostly long-range interactions between uninterested bystanders (chemical species that are not involved in the reaction) and the two dancers of interest (those species that are reacting)



- Relative importance in determining activity
  - Concentration >> charge > polarity > MW

# Activity & Ionic Strength

- Equilibrium quotients are really written for activities, not concentrations
- in most natural waters activities are nearly equal to the molar concentrations
- In saline waters, we must account for differences between the two
  - activity coefficients ( $f$  or  $\gamma$ ) are used for this
  - Ionic Strength ( $I$ ) is used to determine the extent of correction



$$K = \frac{\{C\}^c \{D\}^d}{\{A\}^a \{B\}^b}$$



$$\{A\} \approx [A]$$

$$\begin{aligned}\{A\} &= f_A [A] \\ \{A\} &= \gamma_A [A]\end{aligned}$$



$$I = \frac{1}{2} \sum m_i z_i^2$$

# Correlations for ionic strength

- $\mu$  vs. specific conductance: Russell Approximation
  - $\mu = 1.6 \times 10^{-5} \times K$  (in  $\mu\text{mho}/\text{cm}$ )
- $\mu$  vs. TDS: Langlier approximation
  - $\mu \sim 2.5 \times 10^{-5} \times \text{TDS}$  (in mg/L)



# Equilibrium Constants

- Consider a simple acid/base reaction
  - $\text{HA} = \text{H}^+ + \text{A}^-$
- The activity-based constant is:
- The concentration-based constant is:
- And a mixed constant would be:

$$K = \frac{\{H^+\}[A^-]}{\{HA\}} = \frac{[H^+] \gamma_{H^+} [A^-] \gamma_{A^-}}{[HA] \gamma_{HA}}$$
$$= \left( \frac{[H^+] [A^-]}{[HA]} \right) \left( \frac{\gamma_{H^+} \gamma_{A^-}}{\gamma_{HA}} \right)$$

$$^c K = K \left( \frac{\gamma_{HA}}{\gamma_{H^+} \gamma_{A^-}} \right) = \left( \frac{[H^+] [A^-]}{[HA]} \right)$$

$$K' = K \left( \frac{\gamma_{HA}}{\gamma_{A^-}} \right) = \left( \frac{\{H^+\}[A^-]}{[HA]} \right)$$

# Corrections to Ion Activity

Approximation	Equation	Applicable Range for I
Simple Debye-Hückel	$\log f = -0.5z^2 \sqrt{I}$	$< 10^{-2.3}$
Extended Debye-Hückel	$\log f = -0.5z^2 \frac{\sqrt{I}}{1 + 0.33a\sqrt{I}}$	$< 10^{-1}$
Güntelberg	$\log f = -0.5z^2 \frac{\sqrt{I}}{1 + \sqrt{I}}$	$< 10^{-1}$ , solutions of multiple electrolytes
Davies	$\log f = -0.5z^2 \left( \frac{\sqrt{I}}{1 + \sqrt{I}} - 0.2I \right)$	$< 0.5$

Based on: S&M, Table 3.3; B, Table 1.4a

note: Mihelcic cites 0.3

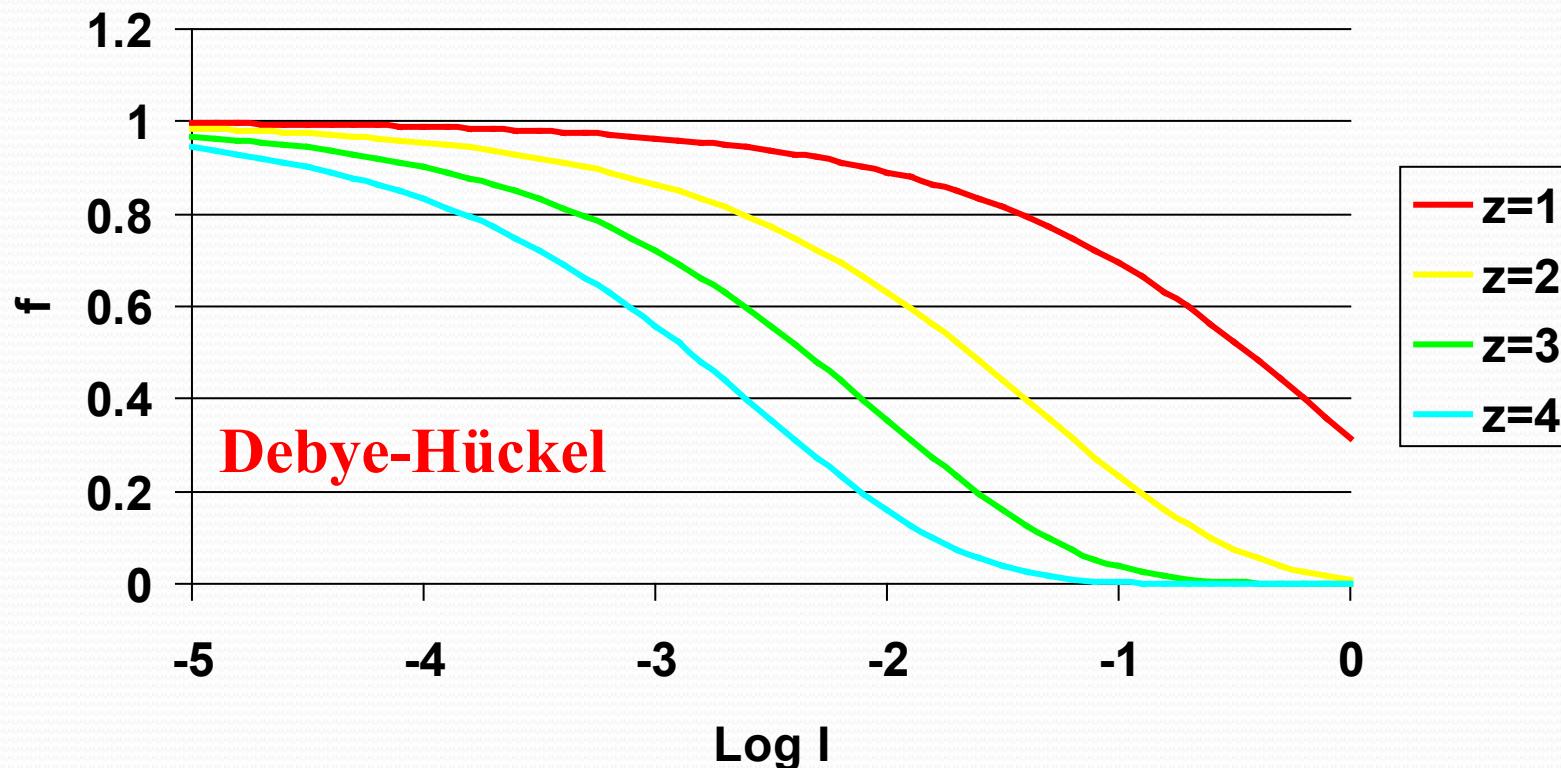
# Ion Size Parameter

Ion Size Parameter, $a$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )	Ions
9	$\text{H}^+$
8	$\text{Al}^{+3}, \text{Fe}^{+3}$
6	$\text{Mg}^{+2}$
5	$\text{Ca}^{+2}, \text{Zn}^{+2}, \text{Cu}^{+2}, \text{Sn}^{+2}, \text{Mn}^{+2}, \text{Fe}^{+2}$
4	$\text{Na}^+, \text{HCO}_3^-$ , $\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$ , $\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-$ , $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ , $\text{HPO}_4^{2-}$ , $\text{PO}_4^{-3}$
3	$\text{K}^+, \text{Ag}^+, \text{NH}_4^+, \text{OH}^-, \text{Cl}^-, \text{ClO}_4^-, \text{NO}_3^-, \text{I}^-, \text{HS}^-$

See also: B, Table 1.4b

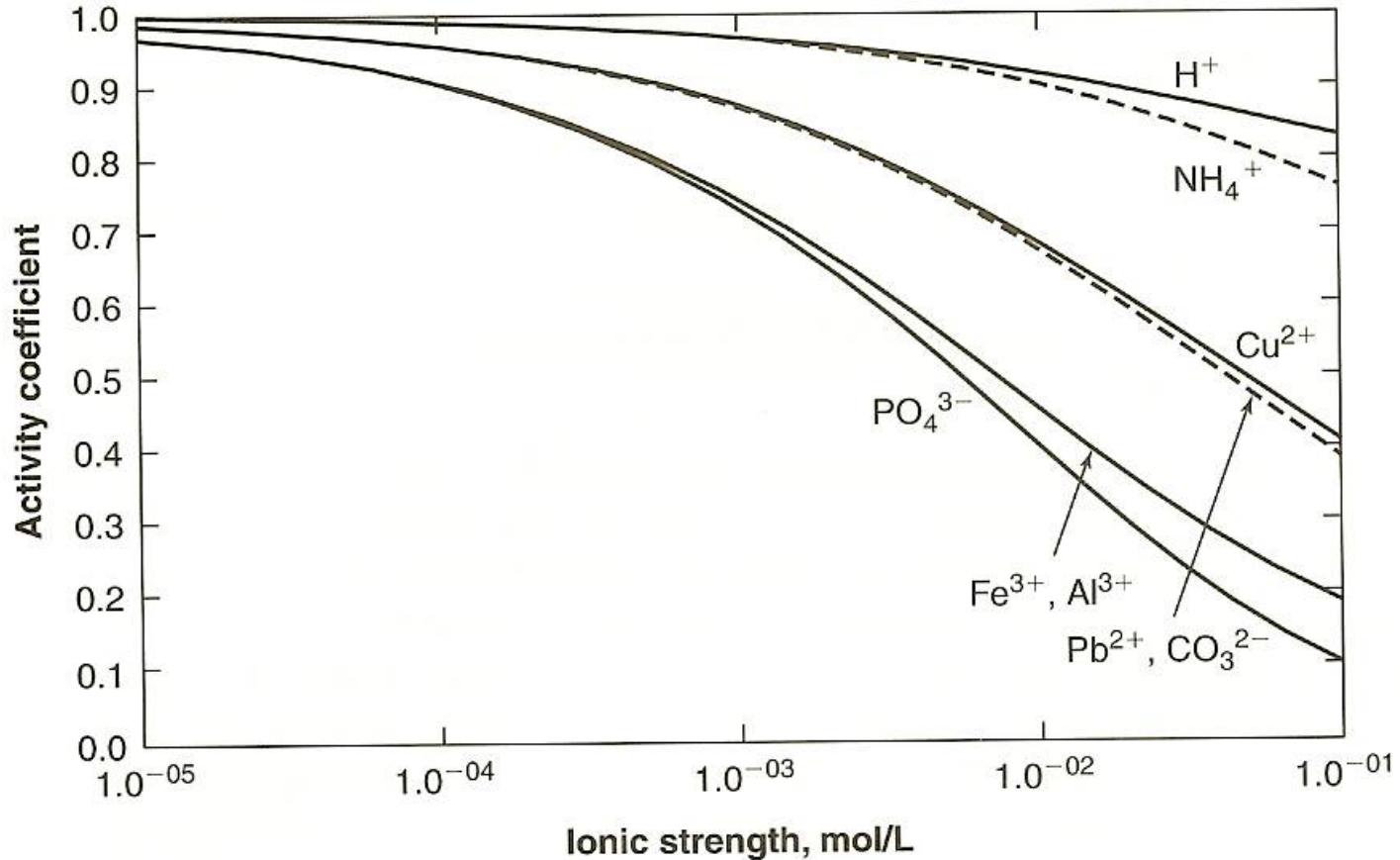
# Debye-Hückel

- Effect of charge ( $z$ )



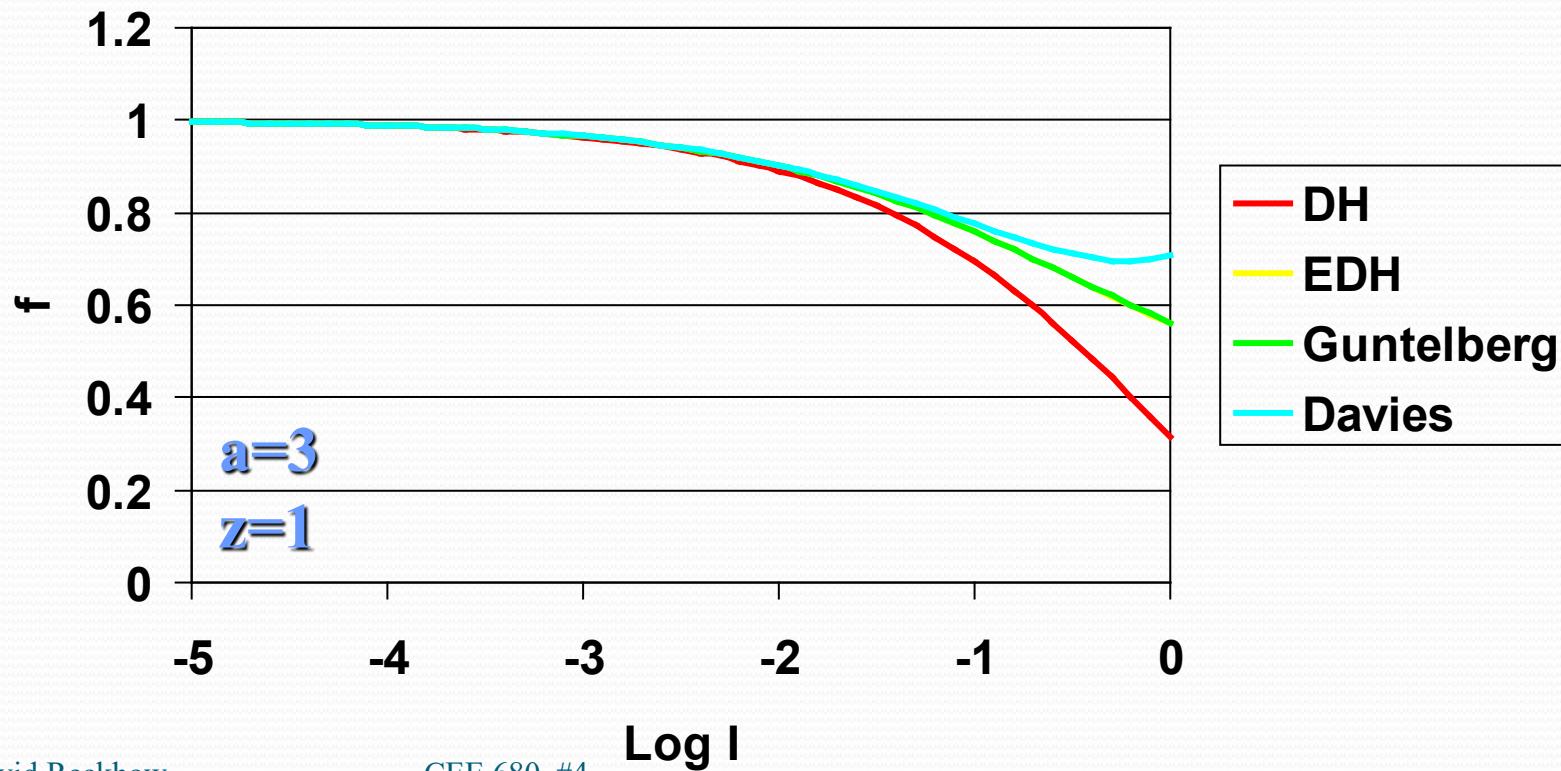
# Extended Debye-Hückel

- Benjamin: Figure 1.6a



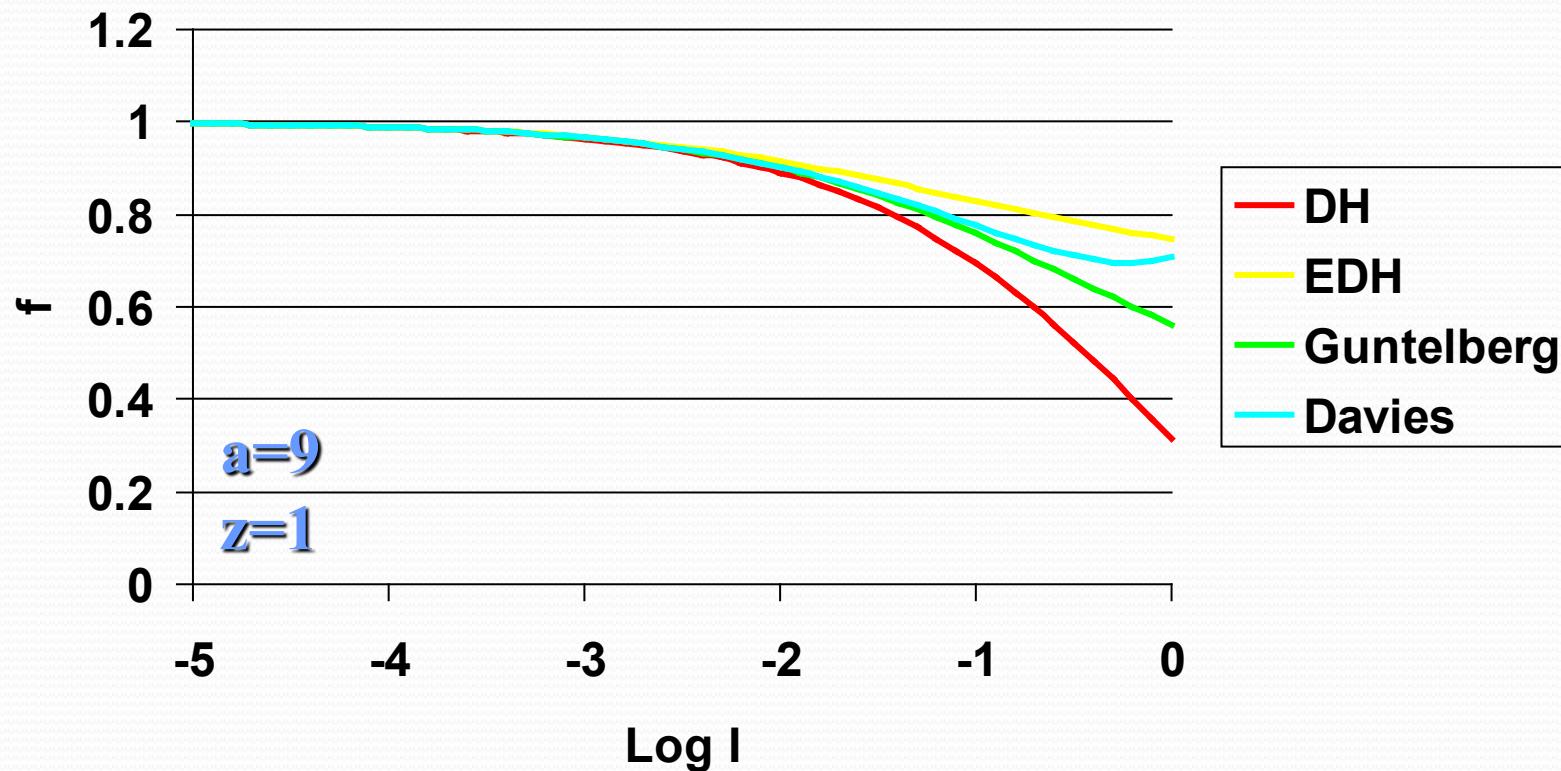
# Activity Coefficients compared

- Different approximations at low charge
  - $a=3$



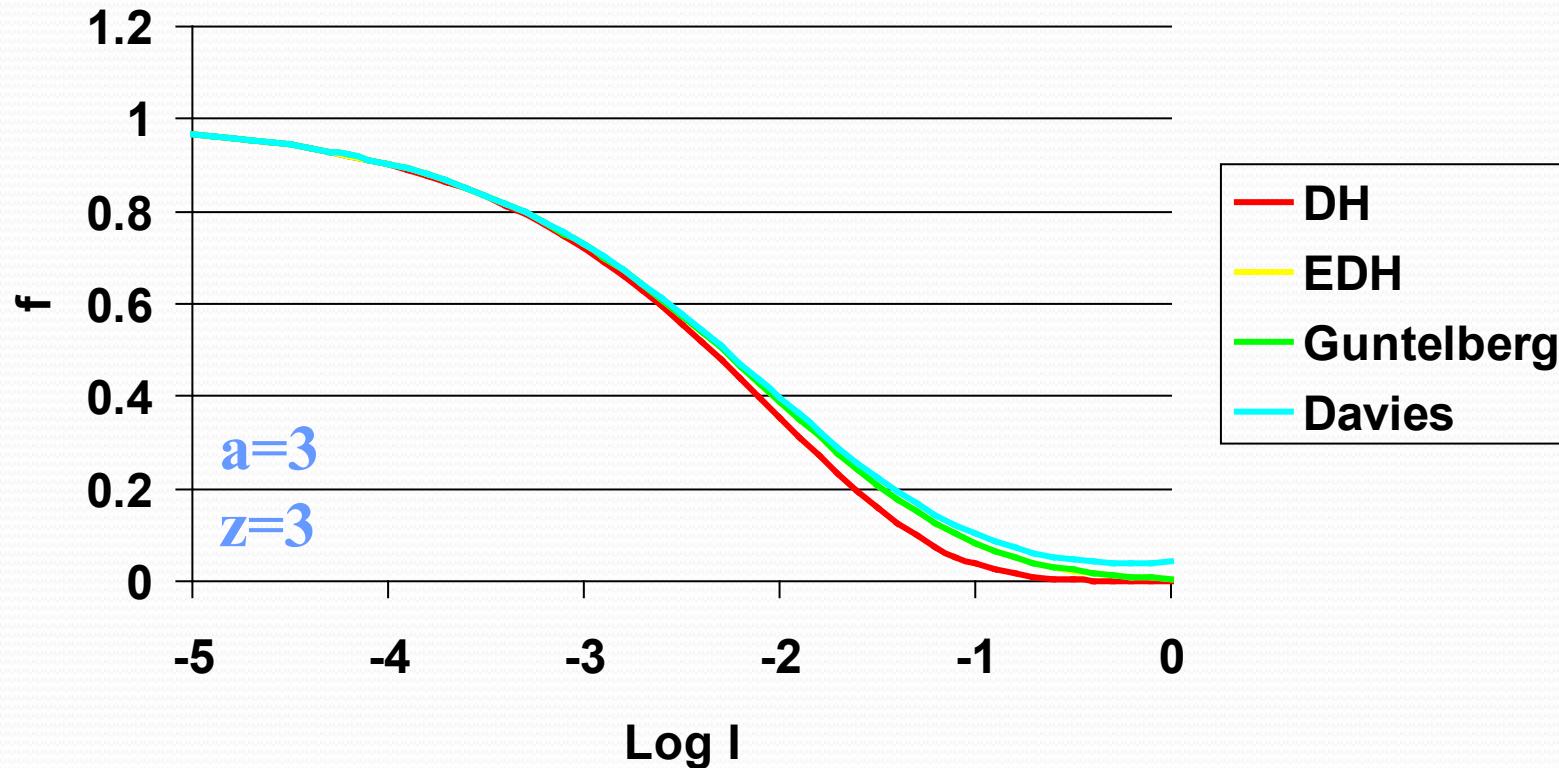
# Act. Coeff. Comparison (cont.)

- Different Approximations at low charge
  - $a = 9$



# Act. Coeff. Comparison (cont.)

- Different Approximations at high charge



# Calcluation

- What is the activity coefficient for ferric iron in a solution of 0.1 M NaCl?

- Solution
  - Use Extended Debye-Huckel

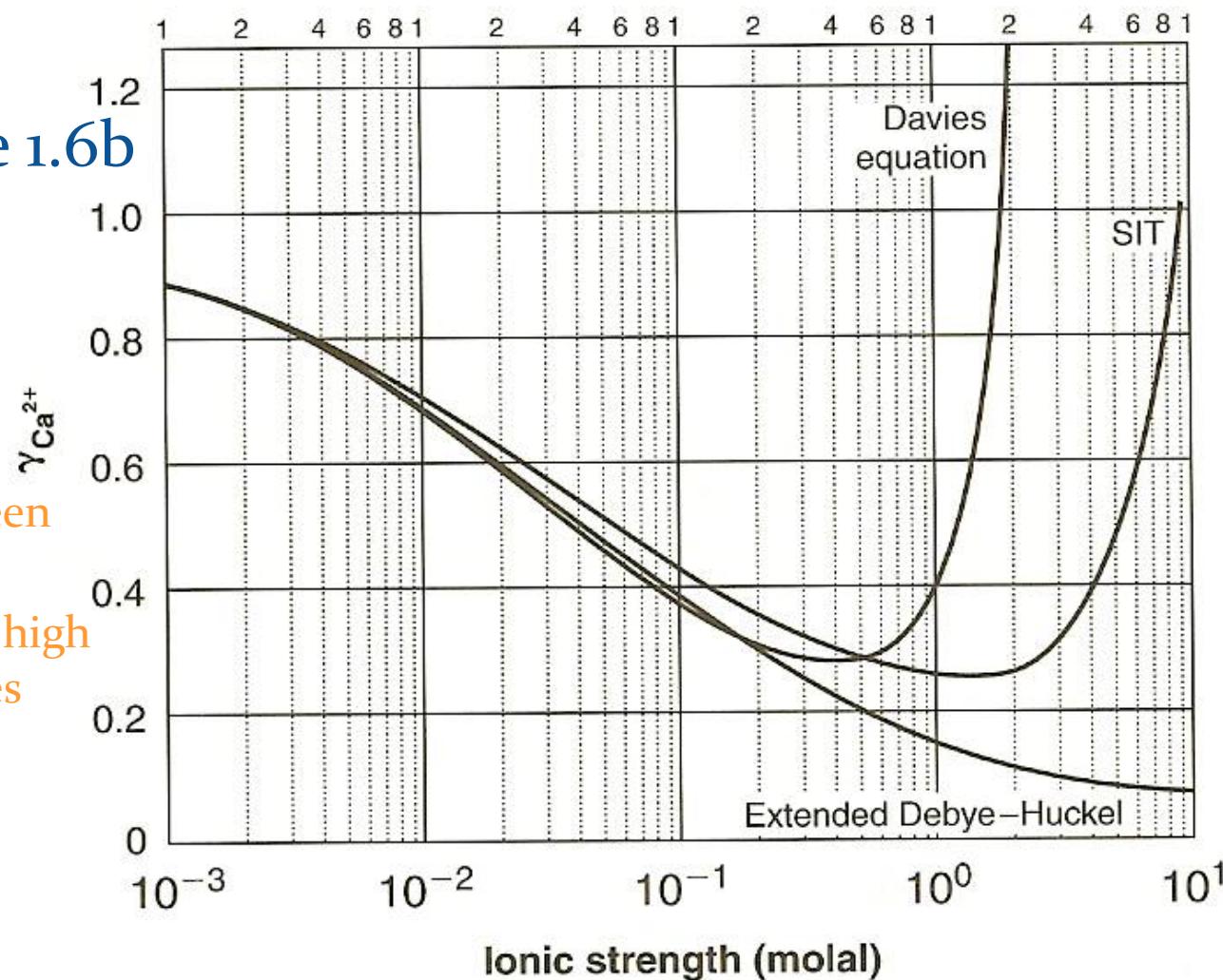
$$\log f = -0.5z^2 \frac{\sqrt{I}}{1 + 0.33a\sqrt{I}}$$

- Determine value of “a” and “I”

# Comparison: $\text{CaCl}_2$ dissolution

- Benjamin, Figure 1.6b

- SIT is the specific interaction model
  - Incorporates interactions between specific ions
  - Quite accurate for high brines, but requires more coefficients



# Activity Coefficients (cont.)

- For neutral species:
  - $\log \gamma = kI$ 
    - $k$  is a function of species,  $T$  and  $P$
    - $k=0.13$  for  $O_2$  in  $NaCl$ 
      - in fresh water,  $I=0.002$ ,  $\gamma_{O_2} = 1.0006$- Molar vs. Molal
  - in principle, activity predictions are based on molal concentrations (mole/kg solvent), but since we are often most concerned with dilute solutions, we frequently use molar concentrations

# Salting out Coefficients

<i>Compound</i>	$k_s$ (L/mole)	<i>Reference</i>
Tetrachloroethene	0.213	Gossett, 1987
Trichloroethene	0.186	Gossett, 1987
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	0.193	Gossett, 1987
1,1-Dichloroethane	0.145	Gossett, 1987
Chloroform	0.140	Gossett, 1987
Dichloromethane	0.107	Gossett, 1987
Benzene	0.195	Schwarzenbach et al., 1993
Toluene	0.208	Schwarzenbach et al., 1993
Naphthalene	0.220	Schwarzenbach et al., 1993
Oxygen	0.132	Snoeyink & Jenkins, 1980

# Activity for isotopes

- Most subtle of the effects
- For saline waters (chloride is counterion)
  - Deuterium

$$\ln \frac{\gamma(\text{D}_\text{H}_\text{O})}{\gamma(\text{H}_\text{H}_\text{O})} = 0.0022(Na^+) + 0.0025(K^+)$$

$$+ 0.0051(Mg^{+2}) + 0.0061(Ca^{+2})$$

- Oxygen-18

$$\ln \frac{\gamma(\text{H}_\text{O}_\text{H})}{\gamma(\text{H}_\text{O}_\text{H})} = 0.0016(K^+) - 0.0111(Mg^{+2})$$

$$- 0.0047(Ca^{+2})$$

- Where () represents the molal concentration (moles/Kg-water)

- To next lecture